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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte MAURICE ZAUDERER and ERNEST S. SMITH

Application No. 09/987,456
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 12, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Appellants filed the following Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's), which have not been considered:

IDS filed October 16, 2006

IDS filed August 8, 2007

IDS filed November 16, 2007

IDS filed December 3, 2007

IDS filed May 21, 2008

There is no indication on the record that the Examiner has considered the above-listed IDS's. MPEP § 609 requires the Examiner to consider any IDS filed by Applicant if timely submitted. A written communication notifying Appellants of the Examiner's consideration of the above IDS's is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- (1) consider the IDS's listed above; and
- (2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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